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Recently Identified La Hueca Outcrops Return High Copper Values Active Programs Underway on Several Targets

The Board of SolGold (AIM code: SOLG) is pleased to provide an update on its 100% owned La Hueca Project, held by Cruz del Sol S.A, a 100% owned subsidiary of SolGold.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **The newly identified outcrop in Target 2, located 400m away from the main La Hueca mineralisation has returned strongly mineralised rock chip results.**
- **Mineralisation has been returned along the fault breccia over 250m and is open along strike in both directions.**
- **Best rockchip assays include:**
 - **2.23% Cu, 0.21 g/t Au, 4.45% Zn in R02000494**
 - **2.13 % Cu, 0.13 g/t Au, 1.53% Zn in R02000492**
 - **2.07 % Cu, 0.24 g/t Au, 0.63% Zn in R02000495**
 - **2.01 % Cu, 0.11 g/t Au, 0.5% Zn in R02000490**
- **Rockchip samples from Target 3 also returned anomalous copper and gold results including from localised float material. Best results included:**
 - **3.52 % Cu, 0.97 g/t Au in R02000460**
 - **0.55% Cu in R02000501**
- **Other regional project areas are yielding encouraging results summarised in this release.**
- **Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate for Alpala remains on track for delivery this week.**

Introduction:

SolGold is continuing to pursue its strategy to become a tier 1 copper producing company through aggressive exploration of its extensive tenement portfolio in Ecuador.

The La Hueca Project is located in southern Ecuador on the prolific Andean Copper belt which is renowned as the production base for nearly half of the world's copper, (**Figure 1**). SolGold holds a 100% interest in the Project through its Ecuadorean subsidiary company, Cruz del Sol S.A.

SolGold announced a significant new discovery at its La Hueca Project on the 31st of October 2017. A further announcement on the 28th of November 2017 provided details of newly discovered mineralised outcrops at Target 2 & 3 located within the larger 25km La Hueca porphyry corridor. This corridor is associated with the contact between volcanic units to the west and the intrusive Zamora batholith to the east. The contact is marked by a high density of fractures controlling the emplacement of the younger diorites, quartz stockwork and the porphyry copper-gold mineralisation.



Exploration Activities & Results at La Hueca

As previously reported, Cruz del Sol field teams conducted extensive stream sediment and panned concentrate sampling throughout the La Hueca project. The geochemical results of this work delineated 5 porphyry copper targets (**Figure 2**) situated along the contact between the Zamora batholith and volcanic units. The results clearly delineate a copper rich porphyry corridor running through the La Hueca project. Subsequent follow up field investigation of these geochemical targets identified the main mineralised outcrop in Target 1.

Led by highly experienced senior geologists, field teams have continued to clear streams of vegetation, uncovering and identifying mineralised outcrops as reported in Targets 2 & 3. Results from these outcrops provide further evidence of a large mineralised porphyry system located in SolGold's exciting new La Hueca Project.

Target 2

Samples were taken from a fault-clay gouge breccia of a diorite. Samples were taken over a strike of 250m with all samples returning high copper values. Whilst the breccia is relatively narrow, around 8m wide, it is strongly mineralised and interpreted to represent a deep structure that has exhumed heavily mineralized blocks belonging to a deeper mineralised porphyry system.

The fault breccia strikes 250° and dips 20°-30° representing a reverse thrust. It consists of sub angular – sub-rounded pale cream clasts with diameters up to 3cm. K-feldspar-biotite-carbonates-epidote altered intrusive is present in the fault proximity. It is commonly darker coloured due to fine grained graphite and sheared sulphide minerals. Quartz-chalcopyrite veins are present in restricted sections where chalcopyrite occurs up to 5%. Alteration consists of intense chlorite-epidote-sericite in the diorite. The biotite alteration appears to have replaced the mafic minerals (hornblende) in medium-grained diorites; this occurs with moderate intensity.

In the rich sections of stockwork quartz veinlets, sugary type B and magnetite veinlets were identified. In addition, rock sample mineralization to 5% chalcopyrite, bornite 2%, 1% chalcocite, traces of malachite and native Cu.

Target 3

The outcrops sampled in Target 3 represents an exposed 5m thick quartz vein containing pyrite, chalcopyrite, bornite, and minor chalcocite. Surrounding the vein are outcrops containing abundant magnetite veinlets cut by quartz veins containing chalcopyrite, magnetite, pyrite and minor chalcocite. The dominant hydrothermal alteration in this area consists of chlorite-epidote. The quartz vein samples generally returned values between 0.3 – 0.6% Cu with a nearby sample of float returning 3.52% Cu and 0.97 g/t Au.

Future Work at La Hueca

The La Hueca Project represents an exciting new project with multiple mineralised targets located within a 25km porphyry corridor. Along with continued field prospecting, planning is underway to conduct 3D geochemical modelling to model target depth. Various geophysical methods are also being considered.



Regional Projects Update

TIMBARA

The Timbara Project is located in the south of Ecuador within the eastern Jurassic Belt which contains the Fruta del Norte epithermal gold deposit (14 million ounces Au), the Mirador copper porphyry deposit (3 million tonnes Cu) and the Santa Barbara gold-(copper) porphyry deposit (8 million ounces Au).

Following the results announced on 29 November 2017 for the Timbara 2 concession, Green Rock field teams have recently moved to prospecting the Timbara 3 concession. Early reconnaissance has located promising mineralised outcrops. In particular, a bornite rich vein within a 25m wide zone of quartz – hematite fractures and veining (**Figure: 3**). Results from sampling this 25m zone are pending. Field teams will continue to prospect streams and collect geochemical samples within the Timbara Project, targeting large porphyry copper systems.

YATUBI PROJECT

The Yatubi Project comprises 4 concessions located in the Miocene Belt in central Ecuador. The tenements are highly prospective for both porphyry copper and VMS style deposits. Field teams conducting initial geochemical programs identified several mineralised outcrops and a large outcropping area of quartz tourmaline breccia. Once assays are returned from the stream and rock chip sampling, teams will return to further prospect anomalous areas.

NEW PROJECTS

SolGold continues to expand its technical field teams in Ecuador. Led by our experienced senior geologists, teams are focussed on rapid first pass exploration, conducting stream sediment, panned heavy concentrate and rock chip sampling programs to quickly identify prospective areas. New projects currently undergoing initial exploration include:

Western Miocene Belt

- El Descanso – Located near the high grade La Plata VMS deposit. Two concessions highly prospective for both Porphyry and VMS style mineralisation;
- San Miguel – Four concessions prospective for both porphyry copper and VMS deposits.

Southern Miocene Belt

- Sacalpalca – Two concessions covering the contact between volcanic and intrusive rocks. Highly prospective porphyry copper style mineralisation.

Eastern Jurassic Belt

- Ayangasa Project – Located close to the San Carlos porphyry deposit nearing construction. Exploration commenced on two of four concessions that make up the Ayangasa Project. Considered highly prospective for copper gold porphyry and epithermal deposits.

Target 2 - Fault Breccia Rock Chip Significant Results							
Sample ID	Easting	Northing	RL	Au_ppm	Cu_ppm	Zn_ppm	Cu %
R02000480	747357	9561241	1343	0.06	14060	1640	1.406
R02000481	747360	9561177	1423	0.04	25650	629	2.565
R02000487	747412	9561301	1373	0.03	7550	323	0.755
R02000489	747345	9561236	1384	0.07	13950	1880	1.395
R02000490	747346	9561237	1384	0.11	20120	5040	2.012
R02000492	747346	9561238	1383	0.13	21290	15350	2.129
R02000493	747347	9561238	1381	0.21	12450	336	1.245
R02000494	747347	9561240	1379	0.21	22290	44500	2.290
R02000495	747349	9561241	1379	0.24	20690	6310	2.069
R02000496	747490	9561410	1340	0.03	5360	550	0.536

Table 1: Results from rock chip sampling of the fault breccia in Target 2

Target 3 - Quartz Vein Rock Chip Significant Results						
Sample ID	Easting	Northing	RL	Au_ppm	Cu_ppm	Cu %
R02000460	748470	9562849	1525	0.97	35150	3.515
R02000499	748681	9562930	1449	0.04	4060	0.406
R02000501	748675	9562928	1448	0.05	5540	0.554
R02000503	748652	9562958	1476	0.01	3750	0.375
R02000505	748574	9562886	1482	0.01	3990	0.399

Table 2: Results from rock chip sampling of the quartz vein in Target 3

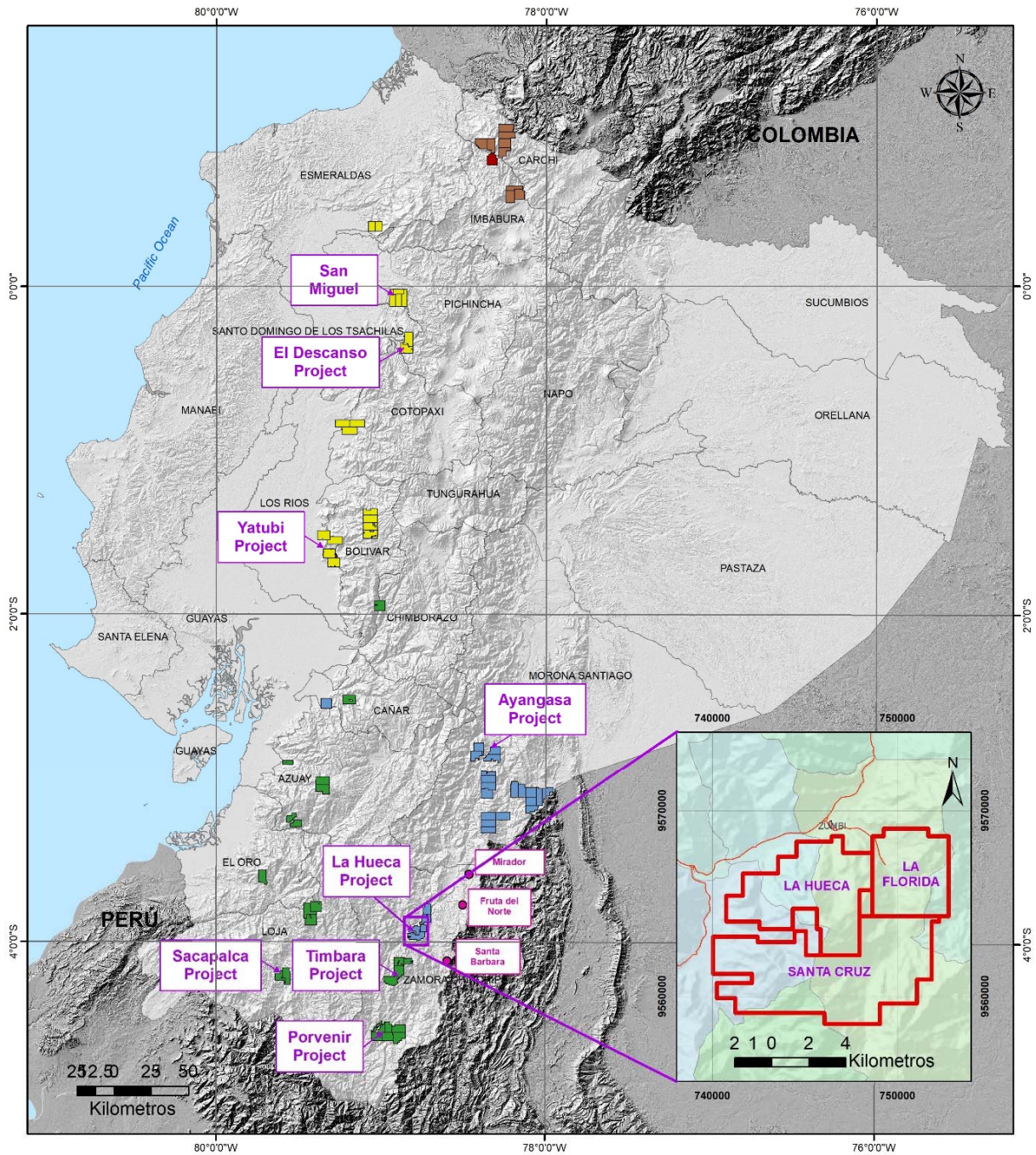


Figure 1: Regional concession location plan

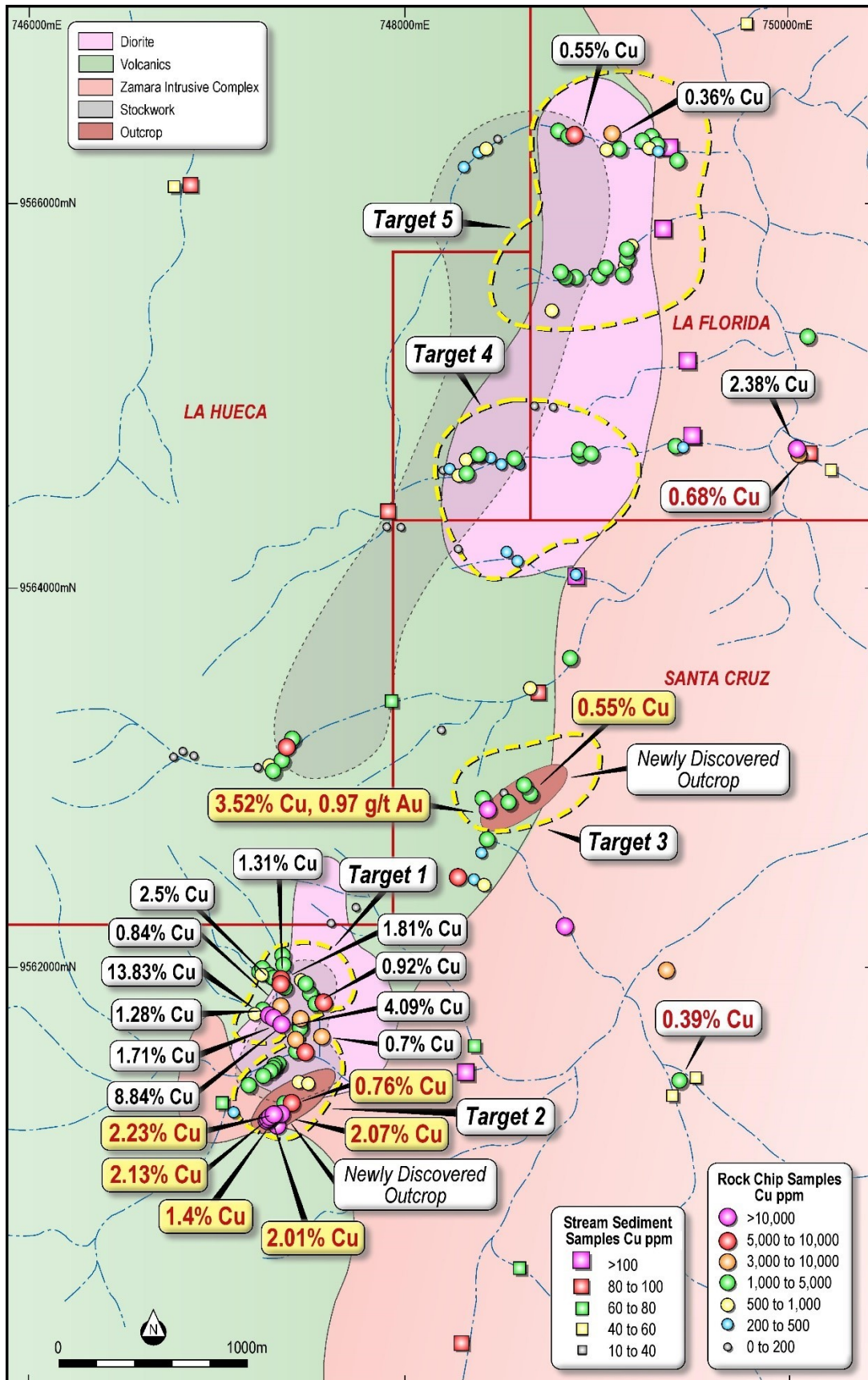


Figure 2: Geochemical Target Plan of La Hueca project with rock chip results



Photo 1: R02000494 – 2.23% Cu, 0.21 g/t Au, > 1% Zn.
Quartz and magnetite veins with disseminated bornite (Bn), chalcopyrite (Cpy) & Chalcocite (Cc)

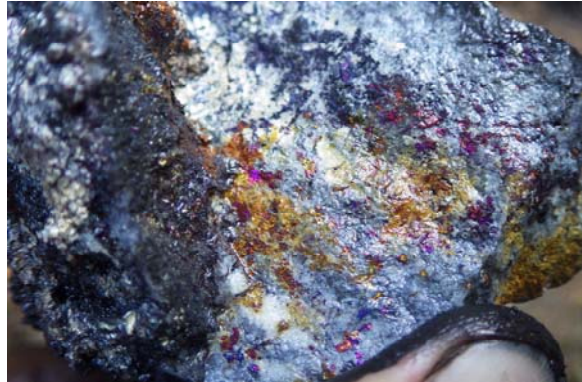


Photo 2: R02000492 – 2.13 % Cu, 0.13 g/t Au, > 1 % Zn.
B Veins Cpy, Bn, Cc and trace native copper



Photo 3: R02000495 – 2.07 % Cu, 0.24 g/t Au, 0.63 % Zn
Quartz and magnetite veins, disseminated Cpy



Photo 4: R02000490 – 2.01 % Cu, 0.11 g/t Au, 0.5 % Zn
Quartz veins with Cpy, disseminated pyrite (Py), Cpy, Bn and Cc



Photo 5: R02000489 – 1.4% Cu, 0.07 g/t Au, 0.19 % Zn
Quartz vein with Cpy and Bn. Disseminated Cpy



Photo 6: R02000493 – 1.25 % Cu, 0.21 g/t Au
Quartz and magnetite veins, disseminated Bn, Cpy and Cc

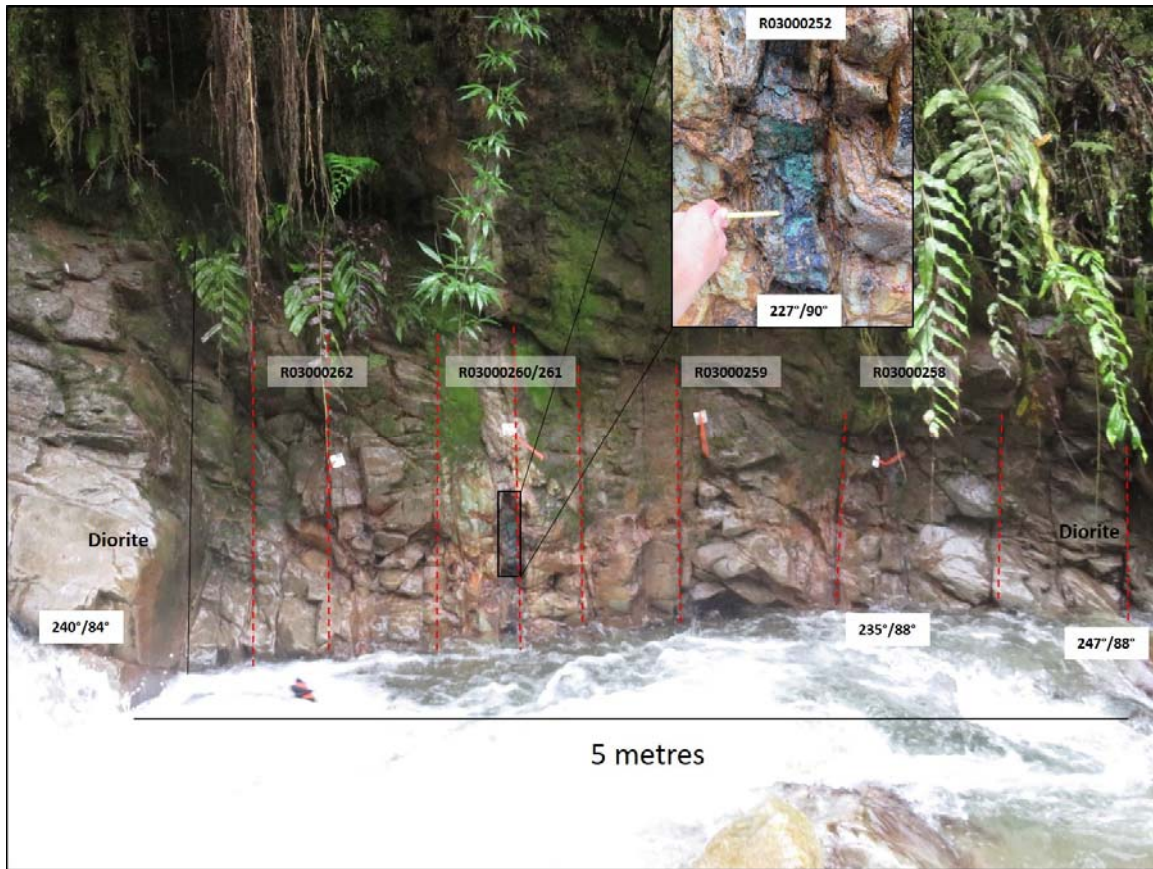


Figure 3. Mineralised 5m outcrop of 25 meters section at the Dantas creek, Timbara 4 concession. It consists of quartz vein-joints. Mineralisation consists of bornite-pyrite and chalcopyrite.

Qualified Person:

Information in this report relating to the exploration results is based on data reviewed by Mr Nicholas Mather (B.Sc. Hons Geol.), the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr Mather is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy who has in excess of 25 years' experience in mineral exploration and is a Qualified Person under the AIM Rules. Mr Mather consents to the inclusion of the information in the form and context in which it appears.

Market Abuse Regulation (MAR) Disclosure

Certain information contained in this announcement would have been deemed inside information for the purposes of Article 7 of the Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 until the release of this announcement.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

SolGold is a Brisbane, Australia based, dual LSE and TSX-listed (SOLG on both exchanges) copper gold exploration and future development company with assets in Ecuador, Solomon Islands and Australia. SolGold's primary objective is to discover and define world-class copper-gold deposits. The Board and Management Team have substantial vested interests in the success of the Company as shareholders as well as strong track records in the areas of exploration, mine appraisal and development, investment, finance and law. SolGold's experience is augmented by state of the art geophysical and modelling techniques and the guidance of porphyry copper and gold expert Dr Steve Garwin.

In October 2017, at the Mines and Money Americas Conference in Toronto, SolGold's Nicholas Mather won the award for the CEO of the Year – Exploration, Latin America. SolGold won the Exploration Award for Latin America, and Ecuador won the Country Award for Latin America. Each party then duly won the 2017 award for each respective category on a global basis at London Mines and Money on 30 November 2017.

The Company announced USD54m in capital raisings in September 2016 involving Maxit Capital LP, Newcrest International Ltd and DGR Global Ltd, and a USD41.2m raising in June of 2017 largely from Newcrest International with USD1.2m raised from Ecuadorean investors. All of these raisings were undertaken at substantial premiums to previous raisings. In November 2017 SolGold raised a further £45m at 25p per share. SolGold currently has circa USD110m in available cash to continue the exploration and studies towards feasibility at its flagship Cascabel Project.

Mr Craig Jones joined the SolGold Board on 3 March 2017, nominated to the Board of SolGold by Newcrest Mining, now a 14.54% shareholder in SolGold. Mr Jones is a Mechanical Engineer and is currently the Executive General Manager Wafi-Golpu (Newcrest-Harmony MMJV). He has held various senior management and executive roles within the Newcrest Group, including General Manager Projects, General Manager Cadia Valley Operations, Executive General Manager Projects and Asset Management, Executive General Manager Australian and Indonesian Operations, Executive General Manager Australian Operations and Projects, and Executive General Manager Cadia and Morobe Mining Joint Venture. Prior to joining Newcrest, Mr Jones worked for Rio Tinto.



Cascabel, SolGold's 85% owned "World Class" (Refer www.solgold.com.au/cautionary-notice/) flagship copper-gold porphyry project, is located in northern Ecuador on the under-explored northern section of the richly endowed Andean Copper Belt. SolGold owns 85% of Exploraciones Novomining S.A. ("ENSA") and approximately 5% of TSX-V-listed Cornerstone Capital Resources ("Cornerstone"), which holds the remaining 15% of ENSA, the Ecuadorian registered company which holds 100% of the Cascabel concession. Subject to the terms of existing agreements, Cornerstone is debt financed by SolGold for its share of costs to completion of a Feasibility Study ("Financing Option").

In terms of repayment, SolGold shall receive 90% of Cornerstone's share of earnings or dividends from ENSA or the Tenement to which Cornerstone would otherwise be entitled until such time as the amounts so received equal the aggregate amount of expenditures incurred by SolGold that, but for the Financing Option, would have been payable by Cornerstone, plus interest thereon from the dates such expenditures were incurred at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 2 per cent until such time as SolGold is fully reimbursed. Cornerstone must contribute at 10% or less to development or dilute to a 0.5% Net Smelter Royalty which SolGold may acquire for \$3.5m USD.

The investments by Newcrest for 14.54% of SolGold endorses Ecuador as an exploration and mining destination, the management team at SolGold, the dimension, size and scale of the growing Alpala deposit, and the prospectivity of Cascabel and its multiple targets. The gold endowment, location, infrastructure, logistics are important competitive advantages offered by the project.

To date SolGold has completed geological mapping, soil sampling, rock saw channel sampling, geochemical and spectral alteration mapping over 25km², along with an additional 9km² of Induced Polarisation and 14km² Magnetotelluric "Orion" surveys over the Alpala cluster and Aguinaga targets.

SolGold has completed over 56,800m of drilling and expended over USD66M in Ecuador, which includes Cascabel exploration, regional exploration, corporate costs and investments into Cornerstone. This has been accomplished with a workforce of up to 260 Ecuadorean workers and geoscientists, and 6 expatriate Australian geoscientists. The results of 39 holes drilled (including re-drilled holes) and assayed to date have produced some of the greatest drill hole intercepts in porphyry copper-gold exploration history, as indicated by Hole 12 (CSD-16-012) returning 1560m grading 0.59% copper and 0.54 g/t gold including, 1044m grading 0.74% copper and 0.54 g/t gold.

The average grade of all metres drilled to date on the project including mineralised sections currently stands at 0.31% copper and 0.26 g/t gold. Intensive diamond drilling is planned for the next 12 months with 12 drill rigs expected to be operational by early 2018, targeting over 120,000m of drilling in 2018. SolGold plans to release its maiden resource statement by 23 December 2017.

Cascabel is characterised by fifteen (15) identified targets, "World Class" drilling intersections over 1km in length at potentially economic grades, and high copper and gold grades in richer sections, as well as logistic advantages in location, elevation, water supply, proximity to roads, port and power services; and a progressive legislative approach to resource development in Ecuador.

To date, SolGold has drill tested 4 of the 15 targets, being Alpala Northwest, Alpala Central, Hematite Hill, and Alpala Southeast. Currently drill testing of Alpala Northwest, Alpala Central and Alpala Southeast targets is underway, with drill testing of the other priority targets to be considered following the publication of the Company's maiden resource estimate for Alpala, and the finalisation of further IP surveying and modelling work currently underway.



The Alpala deposit is open in multiple directions and the mineralised corridor marked for drill testing of the greater Alpala cluster occurs over a 2.2km strike length from Trivinio in the northwest to Cristal in the southeast. The mineralised corridor is known to be prospective over approximately 700m width.

High priority targets within the Alpala cluster, at Moran approximately 700m to the north, and at Aguinaga approximately 2.3km north east, are closely modelled by 3D MVI magnetic signatures that currently encompass over 10Bt of magnetic rock. Based on a strong spatial and genetic relationship between copper sulphides and magnetite, this body of magnetic rock is considered to be highly prospective for significant copper and gold mineralisation, and requires drill testing.

SolGold is focussing on extending the dimensions of the Alpala deposit including Alpala Central, Alpala Northwest, Alpala West, Alpala East, Alpala South East, Trivinio, and Carmen, over the coming Quarter. Following completion of a Maiden Resource Estimate at Alpala the other key targets within the Cascabel concession at Aguinaga, Tandayama-America, Moran, Cristal, Parambas and Chinambicito will be drill tested.

The Company is currently planning further metallurgical testing and completion of an independent Preliminary Economic Assessment and Pre-Feasibility Study at Cascabel. SolGold is investigating both high tonnage open cut and underground block caving operations, as well as a high grade / low tonnage initial underground development towards the economic development of the copper gold deposit/s at Cascabel.

Drill hole intercepts have been updated to reflect current commodity prices, using a data aggregation method, defined by copper equivalent cut-off grades and reported with up to 10m internal dilution, excluding bridging to a single sample. Copper equivalent grades are calculated using a gold conversion factor of 0.63, determined using an updated copper price of USD3.00/pound and an updated gold price of USD1300/ounce. True widths of down hole intersections are estimated to be approximately 25-50%.

Following a comprehensive review of the geology and prospectivity of Ecuador, SolGold and its subsidiaries have several applications for additional exploration licences in Ecuador over a number of promising porphyry copper gold targets throughout the Country.

SolGold, through its 4 subsidiary companies, has 100% ownership of 77 granted concessions throughout Ecuador. Each subsidiary company has technical teams, led by experienced senior geologists, on the ground prospecting granted tenements and collecting baseline data, whilst regional geophysics surveys are being planned. Copper occurrences have been identified at 6 projects to date: La Hueca, Machos, Rio Armarillo, Sharug, Porvenir and Timbara.

In Queensland, Australia the Company is evaluating the future exploration plans for the Mt Perry, Rannes and Normanby projects, with drill testing of the Normanby project planned for the coming quarter. Joint venture agreements are being investigated for a joint venture partner to commit funds and carry out exploration to earn an interest in the tenements.

SolGold retains interests in its original theatre of operations, Solomon Islands in the South West Pacific, where the 100% owned, but as yet undrilled, Kuma prospect on the island of Guadalcanal exhibits surface lithocap characteristics which are traditionally indicative of a large metal rich copper gold intrusive porphyry system. SolGold intends in the future to apply intellectual property and



experience developed in Ecuador to target additional “World Class” copper gold porphyries at Kuma and other targets in Ecuador and the Solomon Islands.

SolGold is based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The Company is listed on the LSE and TSX, with both exchanges using the ticker code: SOLG, and currently has on issue a total of 1,696,245,686 fully-paid ordinary shares, 31,795,884 share options exercisable at 28p; 9,795,884 share options exercisable at 14p and 46,762,000 share options exercisable at 60p.

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The Company recognises that the term "World Class" is subjective and for the purpose of the Company's projects the Company considers the drilling results at the growing Alpala Porphyry Copper Gold Deposit at its Cascabel Project to represent intersections of a "World Class" deposit on the basis of comparisons with other drilling intersections from "World Class" deposits tabulated in **Table 1**, some of which have become, or are becoming, producing mines and on the basis of available independent opinions which may be referenced to define the term "World Class" (or "Tier 1").

The Company considers that "World Class" deposits are rare, very large, long life, low cost, and are responsible for approximately half of total global metals production. "World Class" deposits are generally accepted as deposits of a size and quality that create multiple expansion opportunities, and have or are likely to demonstrate robust economics that ensure development irrespective of position within the global commodity cycles, or whether or not the deposit has been fully drilled out, or a feasibility study completed.

Standards drawn from industry experts (1Singer and Menzie, 2010; 2Schodde, 2006; 3Schodde and Hronsky, 2006; 4Singer, 1995; 5Laznicka, 2010) have characterised "World Class" deposits at prevailing commodity prices. The relevant criteria for "World Class" deposits, adjusted to current long run commodity prices, are considered to be those holding or likely to hold more than 5 million tonnes of copper and/or more than 6 million ounces of gold with a modelled net present value of greater than USD 1 Billion.

The Company cautions that the Cascabel Project remains an early exploration stage project at this time. Despite the relatively high copper and gold grades over long intersections and broad areas, and widespread surface mineralization discovered at the Cascabel Project to date, much of which has still not yet been drill tested, the Company has yet to prepare an initial mineral resource estimate at the Cascabel Project and any development or mining potential for the project remains speculative. There is inherent uncertainty relating to any project at an exploration stage, prior to the determination of a mineral resource estimate, preliminary economic assessment, pre-feasibility study and/or feasibility study. There is no certainty that future results will yield the results seen to date or that the project will continue to be considered to contain a "World Class" deposit. Accordingly, past exploration results may not be predictive of future exploration results.

From the drilling results at the growing Alpala Porphyry Copper Gold Deposit (only) within the Cascabel Project, the Company considers the deposit to have significant resource potential and the data gathered has provided the basis for the estimation of an exploration target over the area drilled to date. Initial 3D modelling and grade shell interpolants have outlined an approximate exploration target at Alpala that ranges from 729Mt at 1.06% copper equivalent, using a cut-off grade of 0.4% copper equivalent, to 969Mt at 0.92% copper equivalent, using a cut-off grade of 0.3% copper equivalent. These estimates equate to an endowment of between 7.7-8.9Mt of contained copper equivalent (**Figure A**).

Copper equivalent grades used are calculated using a gold conversion factor of 0.63, determined using a copper price of USD 3.00/pound and a gold price of USD 1300/ounce. Drill hole intercepts are calculated using a data aggregation method, defined by copper equivalent cut-off grades and reported with up to 10m internal dilution, excluding bridging to a single sample. True widths of down hole intersections are estimated to be approximately 25-50%.

The Company cautions that the potential quantity and grade ranges (exploration target) disclosed above for the Alpala Porphyry Copper Gold Deposit within the Cascabel Project is conceptual in nature, and there has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource, and the Company is uncertain if further exploration will result in the exploration target being delineated within a mineral resource estimate.



On this basis, the reference to the Cascabel Project as “World Class” (or "Tier 1") is considered to be appropriate. Examples of global copper and gold discoveries since 2006 that are generally considered to be "World Class" are summarised in **Table 2**.

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Rank	Operator	Property	Location	Interval (m)	Cu (%)	Au (g/t)	Cu.Eq (%)	m% CuEq
1	Anglo American	Los Sulphatos	Central Chile	717.0	3.60	0.00	3.60	2581
2	Codelco	Chilean Giants	Northern Chile	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	2500
3	Kennecott	Bingham Canyon	Utah, USA	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	2500
4	Newcrest Mining	Wafi-Golpu	Papua New Guinea	1421.5	1.14	0.64	1.54	2195
5	Newcrest Mining	Wafi-Golpu	Papua New Guinea	943.5	1.44	1.28	2.25	2122
6	Imperial Metals	Red Chris	BC, Canada	1024.0	1.01	1.26	1.81	1850
7	Anglo Gold Ashanti	Nuevo Chaquiri	Colombia	810.0	1.65	0.78	2.14	1736
8	Freeport McMoran	Grasberg	Irian Jaya	591.0	1.70	1.80	2.84	1677
9	Ivanhoe Mines	Oyu Tolgoi	Southern Mongolia	326.0	3.77	1.23	4.55	1482
10	SolGold Plc	Cascabel - Hole 12	Ecuador	1560.0	0.59	0.54	0.93	1455
11	SolGold Plc	Cascabel - Hole 9	Ecuador	1197.4	0.63	0.83	1.16	1385
12	Exeter Resources	Caspiche	Northern Chile	1214.0	0.90	0.33	1.11	1346
13	SolGold Plc	Cascabel - Hole 5	Ecuador	1358.0	0.61	0.53	0.94	1279
14	Metallica	El Morro, La Fortuna	Chile	780.0	0.84	1.24	1.62	1266
15	SolGold Plc	Cascabel - Hole 16	Ecuador	936.0	0.75	0.95	1.35	1266
16	Anglo American	Los Sulphatos	Central Chile	990.0	1.26	0.00	1.26	1247
17	Ivanhoe Mines	Oyu Tolgoi	Southern Mongolia	476.0	2.16	0.67	2.58	1230
18	SolGold Plc	Cascabel - Hole 23R	Ecuador	1030.0	0.59	0.90	1.16	1195
19	Metallica	El Morro, La Fortuna	Chile	758.0	0.93	0.99	1.56	1179
20	Newcrest	Cadia Ridgeway	NSW, Australia	341.0	0.93	3.86	3.37	1149
21	Ivanhoe Mines	Hugo Dummet	Southern Mongolia	302.0	3.11	0.98	3.73	1126
22	Ivanhoe Mines	Oyu Tolgoi	Southern Mongolia	422.0	2.48	0.21	2.61	1103
23	Imperial Metals	Red Chris	Canada	1135.0	0.50	0.59	0.87	991
24	Exeter Resources	Caspiche	Northern Chile	1058.0	0.70	0.35	0.92	975
25	SolGold Plc	Cascabel - Hole 15R2	Ecuador	1402.0	0.48	0.34	0.69	974
26	Exeter Resources	Caspiche	Northern Chile	792.5	0.96	0.40	1.21	961
27	Imperial Metals	Red Chris	BC, Canada	716.3	0.79	0.74	1.26	901
28	Newsun	Timok	Serbia	798.0	0.80	0.22	1.11	886
29	SolGold Plc	Cascabel - Hole 17	Ecuador	954.0	0.60	0.52	0.93	884
30	SolGold Plc	Cascabel - Hole 21	Ecuador	946.0	0.67	0.39	0.92	872
31	Metallica	El Morro, La Fortuna	Chile	820.0	0.59	0.73	1.05	862
32	SolGold Plc	Cascabel - Hole 19	Ecuador	1344.0	0.44	0.28	0.62	829
33	SolGold Plc	Cascabel - Hole 18	Ecuador	864.0	0.57	0.61	0.96	825
34	Seabridge Gold Inc.	KSM	Canada	1023.4	0.24	0.77	0.73	744

NOTES: *Gold Conversion Factor of 0.63 calculated from a copper price of US\$3.00/lb and a gold price US\$1300/oz. True widths of downhole interval lengths are estimated to be approximately 25% to 50%. **Sources:** peer review, snl.com, various company releases & broker reports, intierra.com,

Table 1: Globally significant drilling results for copper and gold deposits. This table has been reviewed by Mr James Gilbertson of SRK Exploration Services Ltd., the Company's independent consultant and "Qualified Person", and does not purport to be exhaustive.

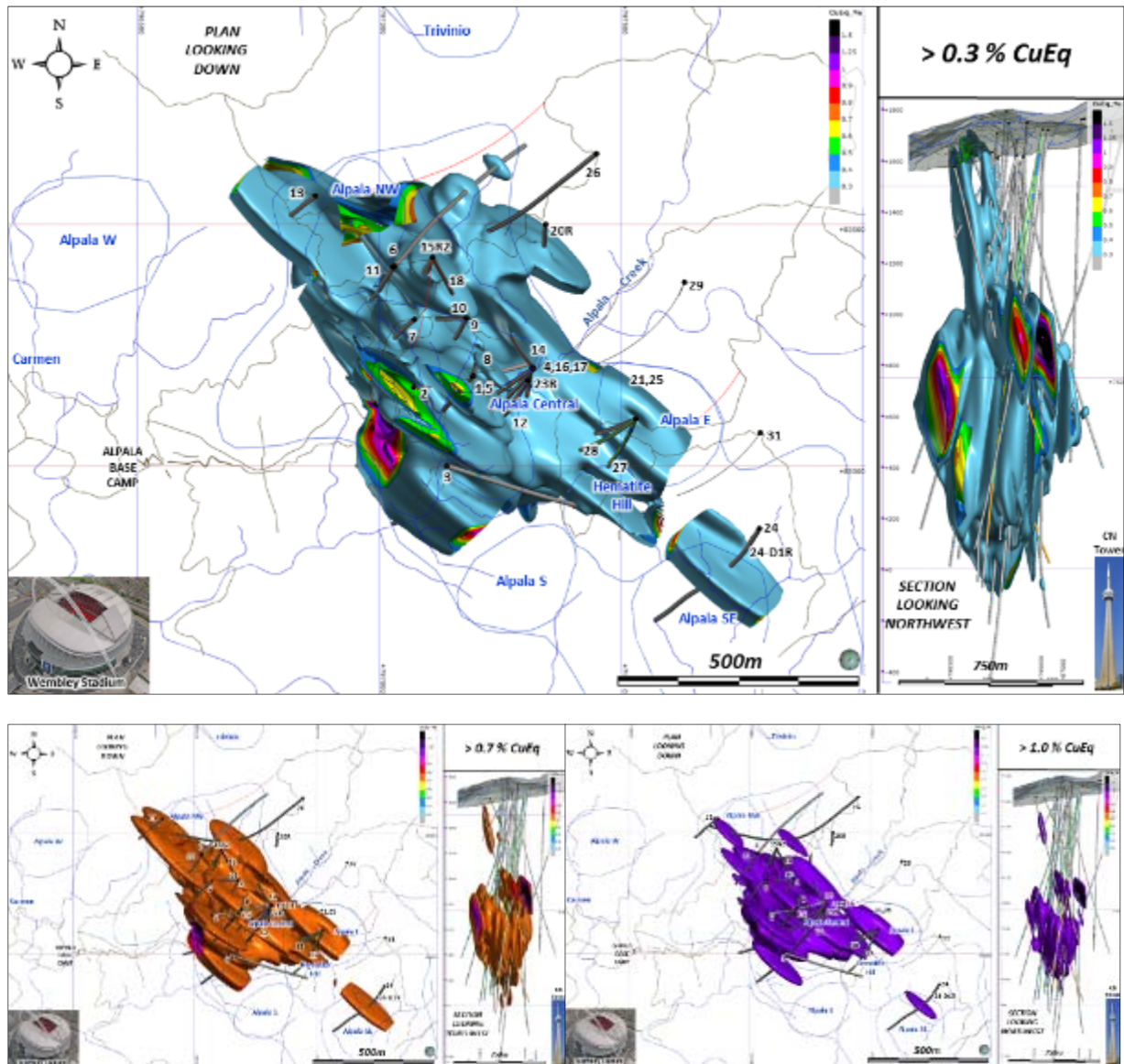


Figure A: Exploration target over the area drilled to date. Initial 3D modelling and grade shell interpolants have outlined an approximate exploration target at Alpa that ranges from 729Mt at 1.06% copper equivalent, using a cut-off grade of 0.4% copper equivalent, to 969Mt at 0.92% copper equivalent, using a cut-off grade of 0.3% copper equivalent. These estimates equate to an endowment of between 7.7-8.9Mt of contained copper equivalent. Low-tonnage, very high-grade Exploration Targets also exist at elevated cut-off grades of 0.7% and 1.0% copper equivalent (Lower Insets).

Deposit Name	Discovery Year	Major Metals	Country	Current Status	Mining_Style	Inventory
LA COLOSA	2006	Au,Cu	Colombia	Feasibility - New project	Open Pit	¹ 469Mt @ 0.95g/t Au; 14.3MOz Au
LOS SULFATOS	2007	Cu,Mo	Chile	Advanced Exploration	Underground	² 1.2Bt @ 1.46% Cu and 0.02% Mo; 17.5Mt Cu
BRUCEJACK	2008	Au	Canada	Development/Construction	Open Pit	³ 15.6Mt @ 16.1 g/t Au; 8.1Moz Au
KAMOA-KAKULA	2008	Cu,Co,Zn	Congo (DRC)	Feasibility - New project	Open Pit & U/ground	⁴ 1.34Bt @ 2.72% Cu; 36.5 Mt Cu
GOLPU	2009	Cu,Au	PNG	Feasibility - New project	Underground	⁵ 820Mt @ 1.0% Cu, 0.70g/t Au; 8.2Mt Cu, 18.5Moz Au
COTE	2010	Au,Cu	Canada	Feasibility Study	Open Pit	⁶ 289Mt @ 0.90 g/t Au; 8.4MOz Au
HAIYU	2011	Au	China	Development/Construction	Underground	⁷ 15Moz Au
RED HILL-GOLD RUSH	2011	Au	United States	Feasibility Study	Open Pit & U/ground	⁸ 47.6Mt @ 4.56g/t Au; 7.0MOz Au
XILING	2016	Au	China	Advanced Exploration	Underground	⁹ 383Mt @ 4.52g/t Au; 55.7MOz Au

Source: after MinEx Consulting, May 2017

¹ [Source: http://www.mining-technology.com/projects/la-colosa](http://www.mining-technology.com/projects/la-colosa)

² [Source: http://www.angloamerican.com/media/press-releases/2009](http://www.angloamerican.com/media/press-releases/2009)

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⁴ [Source: https://www.ivanhoemines.com/projects/kamo-kakula-project/](https://www.ivanhoemines.com/projects/kamo-kakula-project/)

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⁷ [Source: http://www.zhaojin.com.cn/upload/2015-05-31/580601981.pdf](http://www.zhaojin.com.cn/upload/2015-05-31/580601981.pdf)

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⁹ [Source: http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2017-03/29/content_28719822.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2017-03/29/content_28719822.htm)

Table 2: Tier 1 global copper and gold discoveries since 2006. This table does not purport to be exhaustive exclusive or definitive.